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Office Action Summary	Application No. 09/854,586	Applicant(s) IACOBELLI ET AL.	
	Examiner Vu Le	Art Unit 2613	

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-41 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3 and 9-35 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 4-8 and 36 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 37-41 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 11 May 2001 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless --

(a) the invention was known or used by others in this country, or patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country, before the invention thereof by the applicant for a patent.

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. Claim 36 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a)/(e) as being anticipated by Chauvel et al, US 6,226,291.

Re claim 36, Chauvel et al discloses a method of processing a data stream having a plurality of packets (col. 1, line 66 – col. 2, line 9, figs. 4-5), comprising the steps of:

a) parsing said plurality of packets to determine a plurality of parsing result codes for each packet (col. 2, line 15-28);

b) adding said plurality of parsing result codes to each packet (col. 2, line 26-28);

c) creating an index table having said parsing result codes and a plurality of packet pointers indicating where said packets are located in a mass storage device (col. 2, line 57-62, col. 7, line 26-53);

d) storing said packets (col. 2, line 23-25); and

e) selecting one or more of said stored packets to send to a decoder using said index table, wherein said index table facilitates decoding said packets (col. 7, line 26-53).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

2. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

3. Claims 4-8, are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

In claim 4 and 6, "said plurality of fields" (line 3) has no antecedent basis.

Correction is required.

Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claims 1-3, 9-11, 12-35 are allowed.

5. Claims 37-41 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

6. Claims 4-8 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph, set forth in this Office action and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

7. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

With respect to independent claims 1, 12, 23, the best prior art of record is Chauvel et al, US 6,226,291, although Chauvel et al is particular relevant to the present invention as claimed, it fails to anticipate or render obvious the aspects of searching for a first plurality of codes in a portion of a selected packet, if said first plurality of codes are found in said portion, selecting a data payload of said selected packet, then scanning for a second plurality of codes in said data payload of said selected packet, if one of said second plurality of codes is found, determining one or more parsing result codes, and adding said parsing result codes to said selected packet as claimed.

With respect to dependent claims 37-41, they reflect similar aspects as summarized above.

Contact

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Vu Le whose telephone number is (571) 272-7332. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:30-6:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mehrdad Dastouri can be reached on (571) 272-7418. Customer Service can be reached at (571) 272-2600. The fax number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273-8300.

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